

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 3, insert the following:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is the 35 USC 371 national stage of International Application PCT/FR00/01772 filed on 23 June 2000, which designated the United States of America.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 3, between lines 30 and 31, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 4, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

Page 6, replace the paragraph beginning on line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

--Figure 7 shows lateral views of a valve V represented in full lines and a second valve V' coupled to the former, represented in mixed thin lines and tilted with respect ~~to~~ to ~~the~~ the form by an angle of 30°. This possibility to vary the angle

of the outlet axes 19 of each valve simplifies the connections of the [[said]] valves with the supply pipes of the snow gun(s).--

Page 7, replace the paragraph beginning on line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

--Figures 2 and 3 show, in a more detailed fashion, the internal essential elements of the valve. The slide valve 14 comprises a cylindrical section 41 guided in the upper section of the body 1 in a hole 42 of the cylindrical bore 12. The lower section of the slide valve 14 has the shape of cylindrical valve 43 connected to the cylindrical section 41 by a rod 44 whose diameter is ~~approx.~~ approximately half that of the [[said]] cylindrical sections.--